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TAGS: MARR, RP, US, OVIP (MELCHOR, ALEJANDRO)

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MELCHOR'S VISIT TO U.S.

1. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ALEJANDRO MELCHOR, WHO HAS BEEN CABINET OFFICER PRIMARILY CHARGED WITH LEADING CURRENT PHILIPPINE PRESSURE CAMPAIGN FOR RENEGOTIATION OF U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES AGREEMENT, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FROM AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 8 TO ATTEND IMF-IBRD ANNUAL MEETING.

2. MELCHOR HAS ASKED ME WHETHER IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO TALK WITH ANYONE IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING U.S. MILITARY BASES IN PHILIPPINES. I SAID I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE VALUABLE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA) ELLSWORTH. MELCHOR AGREED, AND ASKED THAT I WORK OUT SUCH A MEETING THROUGH THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, WHICH WILL BE AWARE OF HIS SCHEDULE.

3. ALTHOUGH I DID NOT RPT NOT SUGGEST IT TO MELCHOR, I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ASST SECRETARY HABIB TO MEET WITH HIM IF HIS SCHEDULE PERMITS. AS HABIB KNOWS, MELCHOR'S MANDATE COVERS A VERY BROAD SWATH OF U.S.-PHILIPPINE INTERESTS OTHER THAN THE BASES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST EA/PHL ARRANGE WITH PHILIPPINE EMBASSY AND ASST SECRETARIES ELLSWORTH AND HABIB TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS SOMETIME DURING MELCHOR'S WASHINGTON
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STAY. MELCHOR LEAVES MANILA THIS WEEKEND FOR GERMANY

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